## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

LINDA J. BLOZIS, :

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Plaintiff,

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v. : CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-891 SLR

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MELLON TRUST OF DELAWARE, :

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a : Pennsylvania Corporation; MELLON :

BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION : (formerly, MELLON BANK (DE) :

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION), a : Pennsylvania Corporation; and :

MELLON FINANCIAL :

CORPORATION, a Pennsylvania

Corporation, :

:

Defendants. :

#### PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER RULE 26(c)

- 1. Defendants terminated Plaintiff's employment on July 14, 2003.
- To mitigate her damages, for approximately six months to December 2003.
   Plaintiff unsuccessfully searched for subsequent employment in Delaware. See P422-24 (Exhibit A attached).
- 3. In the early Winter of 2003-2004, Plaintiff relocated to Florida to seek employment. See Pl. 1st Suppl. Resp. to Def. 1st Set of Interrog. Directed to Pl. at 10 (Exhibit B attached).
- 4. Eventually, she obtained full-time employment in North Naples, Florida as a teller, initially at First National Bank in July of 2004, and then at her current employer, Orion Bank, where she has been continuously employed from January 3, 2005, to the present. See id. at

11.

- 5. After she relocated to Florida, Plaintiff filed this action on December 27, 2005.
- 6. Discovery is scheduled to end on December 29, 2006.
- 7. More than three months ago on July 26, 2006, Defendants began the deposition of Plaintiff. See Pl. Deposition Transcript at 1 (Exhibit C attached).
- 8. Out-of-state defense counsel noticed the deposition for Plaintiff's counsel's office in Wilmington, Delaware. <u>Id.</u>
- 9. Accordingly, Plaintiff traveled from her home in Naples, Florida to Wilmington, Delaware for the entire day of her deposition.
- 10. The first day of the deposition began at 10:05 a.m., adjourned at 7:00 p.m., with approximately 1 hour and 17 minutes in breaks. See id. at 1, 214-15, 239 (indicating on page 214, that 1 hour and 12 minutes in breaks had been taken before a final brief recess was taken at 6 p.m.).
- 11. Despite more than 7.5 hours of examination, Defendant did not complete its examination of Plaintiff on issues of liability. Nor did it even begin to question Plaintiff on issues of damages or mitigation. Id. at 214-15.
- 12. Defendant also did not question Plaintiff on her medical records that Defendant had subpoenaed from Plaintiff's medical providers but had yet to obtain before commencing with the prematurely noticed deposition. <u>Id.</u>
- 13. Accordingly, more than two months later on October 4, 2006, Plaintiff, who had to use non-refundable, prepaid air travel and accrued vacation time from her current employer to attend a family wedding in Delaware, offered to again produce herself for the conclusion of her

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deposition in October in Wilmington. <u>See</u> E-mail from J. LaRosa to S. Affrunti of 10/4/06 (Exhibit D attached).

- 14. At that time, Defendant declined to continue the deposition in October, indicating that it was not prepared because it "ha[d] not yet . . . procured" all of Plaintiff's medical records. See E-mail from S. Affrunti to J. LaRosa of 10/4/06 at ¶ 2 (Exhibit E attached).
- 15. Finally, more than three months after the first day of Plaintiff's deposition on November 1, 2006. Defendant sought available dates to continue the deposition. See Letter from S. Wilson to J. LaRosa of 11/1/06 (Exhibit F attached).
- 16. However, as of last week. November 6. 2006, Defendant still is not completely prepared to complete the deposition because it has not obtained all of Plaintiff's medical records.

  See Letters from S. Affrunti to Delaware Orthopedic Center of 11/6/06, Delaware Medical Care.

  Inc. of 11/6/06, and Offices of Fanny Berg, M.D. of 11/3/06 (all seeking medical records subpoenaed less than one month earlier on October 16, 2006) (Exhibit G attached).
- 17. So there is no guarantee that Defendant will not seek to continue Plaintiff's deposition, which already has exceeded seven hours, beyond a second day on the basis that it is awaiting further medical records.
- 18. More importantly, Plaintiff's two weeks of annual accrued vacation time with her current employer is exhausted. Furthermore, her employer is prohibiting all employees from taking time off after December 15<sup>th</sup>. See E-mail from J. LaRosa to S. Wilson of 11/9/06 (Exhibit H attached).

- 19. Accordingly. Plaintiff has agreed to make herself available for a deposition by telephone on Saturday, December 2, 2006. Id.
- 20. The parties have agreed to the date of December 2, 2006, on which to continue the deposition. See E-mail from S. Wilson to J. LaRosa of 11/10/06 (Exhibit I attached).
  - 21. However, Defendant refuses to complete the deposition by telephone. <u>Id.</u>
  - 22. For the following reasons, the deposition should be conducted by phone:
- During the more than 7.5 hours of examination on the first day of Plaintiff's deposition, Defendant had a chance to question Plaintiff face to face and to evaluate and assess her appearance, credibility, and potential jury appeal.
- In this routine, age discrimination, discharge case, there is nothing unusual about the nature of Plaintiff's testimony that necessitates Defendant deposing her again in person on her second day of testimony.
- Defendant has not articulated any valid reason for compelling Plaintiff to fly back to Wilmington. Defendant seeks to compel Plaintiff to again travel from Naples. Florida to Wilmington. Delaware merely to annoy, oppress, and impose undue burden and expense upon Plaintiff.
  - I wasted time at day 1!!!
- Requiring the Plaintiff, without any remaining vacation time from work, to again fly back from Naples, Florida to Wilmington, Delaware imposes upon her an undue burden and expense.
- 26. In accordance with Fed.R.Civ.Pro. 26(c)(3), to protect Plaintiff from such annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, and undue burden and expense, justice requires a Court

order that Defendant complete Plaintiff's deposition by telephone.

#### WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court:

- (a) Order that Defendant may conclude Plaintiff's deposition on December 2, 2006,by telephone only and
- (b) Award Plaintiff her attorneys' fees and costs for filing this Motion.

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Dated: November 16, 2006 Attorneys for Plaintiff Linda J. Blozis

### **LOCAL RULE 7.1.1 CERTIFICATION**

I. John M. LaRosa, certify that Plaintiff's counsel unsuccessfully tried to resolve the dispute regarding Plaintiff's non-dispositive Motion. I made a reasonable effort to reach agreement with opposing counsel via e-mail sent to Defendant's counsel on November 9, 2006.

Dated: November 16, 2006
/s/ John M. LaRosa
JOHN M. LaROSA, ESQ.

## EXHIBIT A

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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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Defendants. :

# PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES DIRECTED TO PLAINTIFF

Plaintiff. by her attorneys, hereby objects to Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories

Directed to Plaintiff ("Discovery") in accordance with the numbered paragraphs as set forth

below. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or supplement the responses contained herein as may

be necessary or appropriate in the future.

#### GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. Plaintiff objects generally to Discovery insofar as it requests information or documents which are subject to the attorney-client privilege, or which constitute trial preparation materials or attorney-client work product. or which are otherwise privileged or protected and not subject to discovery.
- 2. Plaintiff objects generally to Discovery to the extent that it seeks information not relevant to this action or that does not appear reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of

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## EXHIBIT C

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  MELLON TRUST OF DELAWARE,
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11 MELLON FINANCIAL CORPORATION, )
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          Defendants.
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          Deposition of LINDA J. BLOZIS taken
14 pursuant to notice at the Law Office of John M.
  LaRosa, Two East 7th Street, Suite 302, Wilmington.
15 Delaware, beginning at 10:05 a.m., on Wednesday.
  July 26, 2006. before Kurt A. Fetzer, Registered
16 Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public.
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- Were there others at Mellon that you're
- 17 claiming also engaged in age discrimination and sex
- 18 discrimination against you?
- 19 A. Specifically, I don't recall naming others than
- 20 Gilmore, Becker or Landis at this time.
- 21 Q. Is it those three?
- 22 A. Mm-hmm.
- 23 Q. Now, with respect to your employment,
- 24 Ms. Blozis, did you ever keep a diary of events? 0213
- 1 A. A diary?
- 2 Q. Right. In terms of a day, you write in today
- 3 met with Gilmore?
- 4 A. For what purpose?
- 5 Q. Any purpose. Some people keep diaries or
- 6 Day-Timers of things that happened every day on the
- 7 job.
- 8 A. My recollection is that if we discussed client
- 9 situations that notations might have been put in a
- 10 file or ticklers created as I recall to bring up
- 11 discussions or topics necessary for the client.
- 12 Q. So it would be client-related information that
- 13 you would be memorializing?
- 14 A. I wouldn't say memorializing. I would say
- 15 documenting or...
- 16 Q. I was thinking more in terms of some people --
- 17 for example, looking at Blozis 4, you made a little
- 18 note at the bottom that you spoke to Rosemary on a
- 19 particular day. Some people instead of putting it on
- 20 the bottom of something will put it in an actual
- 21 calendar or a Day-Timer of that nature.
- 22 Did you keep one of those while you were
- 23 employed?
- 24 A. I didn't keep a specific diary.

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- 1 MR. LaROSA: It's now 6:00 o'clock. Are
- 2 we anywhere close to being on damages and mitigation?
- MS. WILSON: You know, we're very close
- 4 because this is the '03 performance, so I wanted to go
- 5 over that. And then there's the final written warning
- 6 that came a couple of months later and then there's
- 7 the termination that came months after that and then
- 8 we're onto mitigation.
- 9 MR. LaROSA: Okay. So how much longer do
- 10 you think you have on liability?

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            MS. WILSON: If we're closing up in an
12 hour, I'm not going to finish liability.
            MR. LaROSA: You're saying you have more
14 than an hour on liability?
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            MS. WILSON: Yes.
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           MR. LaROSA: Well, I don't think this
17 deposition has been conducted in a very efficient
    manner. The documents were not premarked and sent to
19 us for our review, so we have taken up a lot of time
20 with that.
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           We have taken an hour and 12 minutes in
22 breaks from the eight-hour day, so we have almost gone
23 the seven hours now and only got into twelve exhibits
24 and you're telling me there's still over an hour on
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1 liability, plus damages, plus mitigation, plus the
   documents that have not been produced at this point.
          I think what we should do is take a short
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4 break here because you have gone for over an hour and
5 a half now and see what we can get through till 7:00
  o'clock and then we will adjourn for the day.
           MS. WILSON: All right. I just want to
8 put something on the record as well.
9
          Obviously, I disagree with Mr. LaRosa's
10 characterization that the deposition hasn't been
   conducted efficiently and we will leave it to the
12 judge to read the transcript and make that
13 determination.
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           As far as having premarked exhibits to
15 show to you in advance, there's no obligation in the
16 rules or elsewhere for that to occur. I have had the
17 exhibits ready with copies to give to you, Ms. Blozis
18 and copies have already been made and handed out. So
19 I feel that that's been done very efficiently. In
20 terms of marking the exhibits, it's probably been less
21 than a minute with respect to getting those marked and
22 turned over for review and testimony on it. So I
23 would object to that characterization and leave it to
24 the judge to read the transcript and make her own
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1 determination.
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           MR. LaROSA: Okay. You're correct,
3 there's no obligation to premark the exhibits. The
4 obligation is to conduct the deposition in seven hours
5 and no further than seven hours without court
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6 approval.
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           MS. WILSON: And we have had that
8 conversation. I believe it was yesterday, with the
9 judge and she made a ruling on that. And as I
10 understand it, if we can't work out our differences
11 with respect to it, then she has told us to go back to
12 her and make our arguments to her and she will make a
13 decision on it.
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           MR. LaROSA: Right. And she hasn't made a
15 ruling authorizing a longer-than-seven-hour
16 deposition. So we're agreeing for the purpose of the
17 day to go to 7:00 after we take a short break here.
18 but I think then we may have to be going back to the
19 judge.
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           MS. WILSON: Right. Whether we do it --
21 hopefully we can work it out. If we don't, we will go
22 back to where she left it open in terms of let's see
23 how it goes on the first day and then she will make a
24 determination subsequently if we can't agree. It
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   sounds like we're not going to be able to agree, so I
2 will be happy to go back to the judge.
          I would be happy for her to read this
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  transcript because I feel like I've been flying
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   actually.
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          MR. LaROSA: Okay.
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          (A brief recess was taken.)
          MS. WILSON: Mark this please.
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          (Blozis Deposition Exhibit No. 13 was
10 marked for identification.)
           THE WITNESS: I've looked over these
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12 pages.
13 BY MS. WILSON:
     Q. Before we talk about Blozis 13, going back to
15 your testimony concerning Gilmore, Becker, Landis in
16 which you gave examples of why you felt their conduct
17 or comments were indicative of age discrimination and
18 gender discrimination, with the exception of Gilmore,
19 because I remember there's an incident that you went
20 to Rosemary about on May 1st of '03, did you go to HR
21 about any of the instances where you felt that Becker
22 or Landis was acting discriminatory?
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     A. Not that I recall.
     Q. Let's look at Blozis 13.
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- 21 conversation of my complaint against Brendan Gilmore.
- 22 Q. Now, I think that in your complaint you allege
- 23 that you received Blozis 14 because you complained
- 24 about Brendan Gilmore. Is that your belief? 0238
- 1 A. I recollect that's the time frame.
- 2 Q. And the basis for your belief that Blozis 14
- 3 was given to you because you complained is what?
- 4 A. I'm sorry. I didn't hear the end of your
- 5 sentence, your question.
- 6 Q. Let me change it and make it a better question,
- 7 if I can.
- Why do you think that, why do you think
- 9 that you were given Blozis 14 because you complained
- 10 about Gilmore?
- 11 A. I don't know why Gilmore would have pushed it
- 12 to that limit.
- 13 Q. With respect to giving you the final written
- 14 warning?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. My question still was unclear.
- 17 As I recall your complaint, you alleged
- 18 that you were placed on final written warning for
- 19 performance out of retaliation for having complained
- 20 about Brendan Gilmore to Rosemary. Is that accurate?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And my question is: Why do you feel it was
- 23 retaliatory conduct?
- A. I'm not sure at this time other than I believe 0239
- 1 Brendan Gilmore may have been grossly offended by my
- 2 complaint to HR and expedited his dismissal of me for
- 3 that reason.
- 4 O. Why do you feel he was grossly offended by it?
- 5 A. Because of his arrogant, unprofessional
- 6 demeanor that was displayed in the past and at that7 meeting.
- 8 MS. WILSON: It's 7:00.
- 9 MR. LaROSA: Are we finished with this
- 10 exhibit?
- 11 MS. WILSON: We are.
- MR. LaROSA: So why don't we adjourn for
- 13 the day?
- 14 (Deposition adjourned at 7:00 p.m.)

EXHIBIT D

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Cc:

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Sent:

Wednesday, October 04, 2006 8:47 AM

Subject:

Blozis v. Mellon: Client's Medical Records and Deposition

#### Sherri and Stephanie:

By now, I trust you have received all of the medical records subpoenaed.

My client will in Delaware for a few days next week. She and I are available for the conclusion of her deposition on the following dates and times:

Monday, October 9, 2006: 10 a.m. or later AND

Tuesday, October 10, 2006: All Day.

Please let me know if you wish to question her further.

Very truly yours,

John M. LaRosa

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Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 9:26 AM

Subject: Fw: Blozis v. Mellon: Client's Medical Records and Deposition

---- Original Message ----- From: Affrunti, Sherri A.

To: John M. LaRosa, Esquire; Wilson, Stephanie
Cc: Neuberger, Esq. Thomas S.; Bracegirdle, Thad J.

Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 9:54 AM

Subject: RE: Blozis v. Mellon: Client's Medical Records and Deposition

Actually, John -- there are still several outstanding subpoenas, as we have just recently received from your office numerous authorizations last week (at which point I was traveling out of state for other firm business matters). The final subpoenas are in the process of being served, and as you know applicable Court Rules require a 10-day notice period for the providers (in addition to the fact that many often do not respond in a timely manner).

I am uncertain of Stephanie's availability, and certainly doubt that we will be able to proceed on Monday with such short notice (given numerous other litigation matters we are handling) as well as the fact that all of the medical records have not yet been procured. One of us will, however, be back in touch with you shortly so that we can locate a mutually-agreeable date to finalize Ms. Blozis' deposition before the close of discovery later this year.

Thank you.

Best regards. Sherri A. Affrunti, Esq. 609-514-5950 saffrunti@reedsmith.com

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From: John M. LaRosa, Esquire [mailto:JLR@LaRosaLaw.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 04, 2006 9:47 AM **To:** Wilson, Stephanie; Affrunti, Sherri A.

Cc: Neuberger, Esq. Thomas S.

Subject: Blozis v. Mellon: Client's Medical Records and Deposition

Sherri and Stephanie:

By now, I trust you have received all of the medical records subpoenaed.

My client will in Delaware for a few days next week. She and I are available for the conclusion of her deposition on the following dates and times:

Monday, October 9, 2006: 10 a.m. or later AND

Tuesday, October 10, 2006: All Day.

Please let me know if you wish to question her further.

Very truly yours,

John M. LaRosa

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November 1, 2006

Via Facsimile and Regular Mail John M. LaRosa, Esq. Law Offices of John M. LaRosa Two East Seventh Street, Suite 302 Wilmington, DE 19801

> Linda J. Blozis v. Mellon Trust of Delaware, National Association, et al. Re:

Dear Mr. LaRosa:

Please provide me with dates that your client will be available for the continuation of her deposition.

Thank you for your courtesies in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie Wilson

SW:ck

EXHIBIT G

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November 6, 2006

Custodian of Records Delaware Orthopedic Center 1941 Limestone Road, Suite 101 Wilmington, DE 19808

> Linda J. Blozis v. Mellon Trust of Delaware, National Association, et al. Re: United States District Court (D.Del) Civil Action No. 05-891 (SLR)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Previously, on October 16, 2006, our agent for service of process served upon you a subpoena commanding the production of all records relating to patient Linda J. Blozis (D.O.B. 12/10/45; Social Security No. 221-30-0199), as maintained in the usual course of business by the Offices of Delaware Orthopedic Center. Enclosed with the subpoena was an authorization for the release of the records which had been signed by Ms. Blozis, along with a schedule detailing the categories of records to be produced. Pursuant to the subpoena, all records were to be produced to our Delaware office by October 30, 2006.

Upon review of our file it has come to my attention that your office has failed to comply with the subpoena. Your failure to do so is in violation of law. Please forward these records as commanded by the subpoena immediately, together with an executed Certificate of Authentication so as to avoid a proceeding for contempt.

Thank you for your attention and anticipated cooperation. Should you have any

questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sherri A. Affrunti

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November 3, 2006

Custodian of Records Offices of Fanny Berg, M.D. 2000 Falk Rd., Suite A Wilmington, DE 19810

RE: Linda J. Blozis v. Mellon Trust of Delaware, National Association, et al United States District Court (D.Del) Civil Action No. 05-891(SLR)

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cc: John M. LaRosa, Esq.

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## EXHIBIT H

### John M. LaRosa, Esquire

From:

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To: Cc:

"Neuberger, Esq. Thomas S." <TSN@NeubergerLaw.com>

Sent: Subject:

Thursday, November 09, 2006 12:07 PM Blozis v. Mellon: Continuation of Deposition

Stephanie:

In response to your letter of November 1, 2006, my client is available for the conclusion of her deposition by telephone on the following dates: Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> or in the morning of Saturday, December 9th.

As you know from the first full day of deposition in this case and Plaintiff's documentary discovery responses, Plaintiff is currently employed full-time by Orion Bank in North Naples, Florida. She has no more vacation time with Orion for the year. Also, she is scheduled to work on Saturday. December 16th. Furthermore. Orion is not allowing any personnel to take time off after December 15<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, she is only available on the aforementioned dates by phone.

Please let me know which date you wish to continue and conclude her deposition, and confirm that you are amenable to conducting the remainder of the deposition by phone. Otherwise, we will seek a protective order from the Court.

Very truly yours,

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### John M. LaRosa, Esquire

From:

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To: Cc:

"Neuberger, Esq. Thomas S." <TSN@NeubergerLaw.com>; "Affrunti, Sherri A."

Document 25

<SAffrunti@ReedSmith.com>

Sent:

Friday, November 10, 2006 3:19 PM

RE: Blozis v. Mellon: Continuation of Deposition Subject:

#### John.

Thank you for getting bk to me. We will not consent to a telephone deposition. Ms. Blozis is required to make herself available in Delaware, the place where she commenced her lawsuit. You have not provided any good cause basis for your request and have made your request even more onerous by providing only two dates on Saturday in December, one of them being a half day that Ms. Blozis is available. You note that her new employer is not allowing any time off after December 15, but you have not provided any dates in November. Because of the nature of Ms. Blozis's testimony, we cannot consent to a telephone deposition and, as a compromise, request that you make Ms. Blozis available in person at your office on December 2. Please advise us concerning your position as we will seek to compel her in person deposition.

Very truly yours, Stephanie Wilson

From: John M. LaRosa, Esquire [mailto:JLR@LaRosaLaw.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2006 12:08 PM

To: Wilson, Stephanie

Cc: Neuberger, Esq. Thomas S.

Subject: Blozis v. Mellon: Continuation of Deposition

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

LINDA J. BLOZIS,

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Plaintiff,

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-891 SLR** v.

MELLON TRUST OF DELAWARE,

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a

Pennsylvania Corporation; MELLON BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(formerly, MELLON BANK (DE)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION), a

Pennsylvania Corporation; and

MELLON FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a Pennsylvania

: Corporation,

:

Defendants.

#### **ORDER**

AND NOW, the	Court having considered the Plaintiff's Motion For Protective Order
Unde Rule 26(c) filed by	y Plaintiff on November 16, 2006. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this
day of	, 2006. that Defendant shall complete Plaintiff's deposition on
December 2, 2006, by to	elephone.
	Chief Judge, United States District Court

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, John M. LaRosa, being a member of the Bar of this Court, do hereby certify that on

November 16. 2006, I caused two (2) copies of PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR

PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER RULE 26(c) to be sent via CM/ECF to the following:

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> /s/ John M. LaRosa JOHN M. LaROSA, ESQ.

Thomas S. Neuberger, Esquire (via hand delivery) cc: Ms. Linda J. Blozis (via U.S. mail)

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